

Student Background Questionnaires

General Directions for Grade 12

In the next two sections, you will be asked questions about yourself and your education. The choices for some questions will be written across the page as shown. Fill in the oval for the best answer.

Example 1

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Almost every day
1. How often do you watch movies on TV?	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D

You should have filled in the oval below the answer that best tells how often you watch movies on TV.

The choices for some questions will be written down the page as shown. Now read Example 2 and indicate your answer.

Example 2

2. Which event would you prefer to attend?
<input type="radio"/> A basketball game
<input type="radio"/> B car show
<input type="radio"/> C concert
<input type="radio"/> D play

Make your answer mark clear and dark in the oval. If you make a mistake or want to change your answer, be sure to completely erase any unwanted marks.

Do not go past the  sign at the end of each section until you are told to do so.

If you finish before time is called, go back and check your work on that section only. Use your time carefully. Do as much as you can in each section.



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## Grade 12

In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. The section has 14 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet.

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1. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Fill in **one** or **more ovals**.

- ☐ A No, I am not Hispanic or Latino.
- ☐ B Yes, I am Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano.
- ☐ C Yes, I am Puerto Rican or Puerto Rican American.
- ☐ D Yes, I am Cuban or Cuban American.
- ☐ E Yes, I am from some other Hispanic or Latino background.

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2. Which of the following best describes you? Fill in **one** or **more ovals**.

- ☐ A White
- ☐ B Black or African American
- ☐ C Asian
- ☐ D American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ E Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

For the rest of the questions in this section, fill in only **one** oval for each question.

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3. Does your family get a newspaper at least four times a week?

- ☐ A Yes
- ☐ B No
- ☐ C I don't know.

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4. Does your family get any magazines regularly?

- ☐ A Yes
- ☐ B No
- ☐ C I don't know.

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5. About how many books are there in your home?

- ☐ A Few (0–10)
- ☐ B Enough to fill one shelf (11–25)
- ☐ C Enough to fill one bookcase (26–100)
- ☐ D Enough to fill several bookcases (more than 100)

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6. Is there a computer at home that you use?

- ☐ A Yes
- ☐ B No

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7. Is there an encyclopedia in your home? It could be a set of books, or it could be on the computer.

- ☐ A Yes
- ☐ B No
- ☐ C I don't know.

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8. About how many pages a day do you have to read in school and for homework?

- ☐ A 5 or fewer
- ☐ B 6–10
- ☐ C 11–15
- ☐ D 16–20
- ☐ E More than 20

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9. How often do you talk about things you have studied in school with someone in your family?

- ☐ A Never or hardly ever
- ☐ B Once every few weeks
- ☐ C About once a week
- ☐ D Two or three times a week
- ☐ E Every day

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10. How many days were you absent from school in the last month?

- ☐ A None
- ☐ B 1 or 2 days
- ☐ C 3 or 4 days
- ☐ D 5 to 10 days
- ☐ E More than 10 days

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11. How far in school did your mother go?

- ☐ A She did not finish high school.
- ☐ B She graduated from high school.
- ☐ C She had some education after high school.
- ☐ D She graduated from college.
- ☐ E I don't know.

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12. How far in school did your father go?

- ☐ Ⓐ He did not finish high school.
- ☐ Ⓑ He graduated from high school.
- ☐ Ⓒ He had some education after high school.
- ☐ Ⓓ He graduated from college.
- ☐ Ⓔ I don't know.

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13. How often do people in your home talk to each other in a language other than English?

- ☐ Ⓐ Never
- ☐ Ⓑ Once in a while
- ☐ Ⓒ About half of the time
- ☐ Ⓓ All or most of the time

14. Which of the following best describes your high school program?

- ☐ Ⓐ General
- ☐ Ⓑ Academic or college preparatory
- ☐ Ⓒ Vocational or technical

